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SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: FIRST COMMITTEE APPROVES RESOLUTION
OPENING ENMOD CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE

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1. SUMMARY. UNGA FIRST COMMITTEE ON DEC 3 APPROVED THE FINNISH DRAFT RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE OPENING FOR SIGNATURE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION REPORTED BY THE CCD. RES WAS APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 90 (U.S.) TO 11, WITH 25 ABSTENTIONS. COMMITTEE SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED NOT TO ACT ON THE COMPETING MEXICAN RESOLUTION BY A PROCEDURAL VOTE OF 49 (U.S.) TO 42, WITH 35 ABSTENTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED MORNING OF DEC 3 THE THIRD REVISED TEXT OF THE FINNISH ENMOD RESOLUTION (REF A), INCORPORATING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED THE PREVIOUS DAY BY NIGERIA AND ACCEPTED BY CO-SPONSORS. REVISED MEXICAN RES, WHICH WOULD HAVE TRANSMITTED CONVENTION TO STATES VIA SYG FOR COMMENT, WAS ALSO CIRCULATED.

3. INDIAN REP MISHRA, SECONDED BY NIGERIAN REP CLARK, PROPOSED THAT PRIORITY IN VOTING BE ACCORDED FINNISH RESOLUTION. PUT TO A VOTE, THE PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED BY A RECORDED VOTE OF 59 (U.S.) TO 31, WITH 30 ABSENTATIONS. (AMONG OUR ALLIES, ONLY AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ABSTAINED; FRANCE VOTED "NO").

4. FINNISH RES WAS THEN PUT TO A VOTE AND APPROVED, 89 (U.S.) TO 11, WITH 25 ABSTENTIONS (MOZAMBIQUE SUBSEQUENTLY SAID IT HAD VOTED IN FAVOR BUT HAD NOT BEEN RECORDED). THOSE IN FAVOR WERE: AFGHANISTAN, ALGERIA, AUSTRALIA, AUSTRIA, BAHRAIN, BANGLADESH, BELGIUM, BENIN, BHUTAN, BOLIVIA, BOTSWANA, BRAZIL, BULGARIA, BURMA, BYELORUSSIA, CANADA, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, COLOMBIA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEM YEMEN, DENMARK, EL SALVADOR, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, FINLAND, GABON, GDR, FRG, GHANA, GREECE, GUYANA, HUNGARY, ICELAND, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAN, IRELAND, ISRAEL, ITALY, JAPAN, JORDAN, LAOS, LEBANON, LESOTHO, LIBERIA, LIBYA, LUXEMBOURG, MADAGASCAR, MALAWI, MALI, MALTA, MAURITANIA, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NETHERLANDS, NICARAGUA, NIGER, NIGERIA, NORWAY, OMAN, PHILIPPINES, POLAND, PORTUGAL,

QATAR, ROMANIA, SIERRA LEONE, SINGAPORE, SOMALIA, SPAIN, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SWAZILAND, SWEDEN, SYRIA, THAILAND, TUNISIA, TURKEY, UKRAINE, USSR, UAE, UK, US, UPPER VOLTA, URUGUAY, YUGOSLAVIA, AND ZAIRE.

5. THOSE OPPOSED WERE: BURUNDI, ECUADOR, GRENADA, KENYA, KUWAIT, MAURITIUS, MEXICO, PANAMA, PERU, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND ZAMBIA.

6. THOSE ABSTAINING WERE: ARGENTINA, CHAD, CHILE, CONGO, COSTA RICA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EGYPT, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, FRANCE, IRAQ, IVORY COAST, JAMAICA, MALAYSIA, NEW ZEALAND, PAKISTAN, PARAGUAY, SURINAM, TOGO, UGANDA, CAMEROON, TANZANIA, VENEZUELA, AND YEMEN.

7. CHINA ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE. (HOWEVER, CHINESE OPPOSED PRIORITY MOVE AS MEANS OF REGISTERING THEIR OBJECTION TO WHAT THEY CONSIDERED THE STRONG-ARM TACTICS OF THE POLISH CHAIRMAN AND THE SUPERPOWERS).

8. THE VOTING PATTERN SHOWS SEVERAL NOTABLE DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING POSITIVE VOTES OF SWEDEN, ROMANIA, AND YUGOSLAVIA, AS WELL AS THAT OF CYPRUS, WHICH WAS CO-SPONSOR OF MEXICAN RES. SOME OTHER CO-SPONSORS OF MEXICAN RES, NAMELY ARGENTINA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, JAMAICA, AND VENEZUELA, ABSTAINED RATHER THAN VOTING "NO" ON FINNISH RES. ONLY TWO WESTERN COUNTRIES ABSTAINED: FRANCE (CONSISTENT WITH ITS TRADITIONAL POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CCD AGREEMENTS) AND NEW ZEALAND (WHICH ALSO HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPPORT THE MEXICAN RES).

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9. FOLLOWING APPROVAL OF FINNISH RES, FINNISH REP PASTINEN, SECONDED BY MISHRA, APPEALED TO MEXICANS NOT TO BRING THEIR RES TO A VOTE, BUT PROPOSING THAT IF THEY DID NOT WITHDRAW RES THE COMMITTEE SHOULD TAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER TO ACT ON IT. MEXICAN REP MARIN DECLINED TO WITHDRAW RES, AND FINNISH PROPOSAL WAS THEREFORE PUT TO A VOTE, CARRYING BY 49 (U.S.) TO 42, WITH 35 ABSTENTIONS. ENMOD DEBATE WAS THUS CONCLUDED WITHOUT VOTE ON MEXICAN RES.

10. PLENARY VOTE ON ENMOD (AND OTHER DISARMAMENT RESES) MAY TAKE PLACE AS EARLY AS DEC 10. ALTHOUGH MEXICANS COULD ATTEMPT LAST-MINUTE BLOCKING ACTION, ARGENTINES FOR THEIR PART HAVE TOLD US THEY CONSIDER SUBJECT CONCLUDED.

11. DELEGATION ASSESSMENT OF ENMOD DEBATE AND OUTCOME
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